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In re Application of  
**RITZELER, et al.**

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Title: **Indole Derivatives or Benzimidazole  
Derivatives for Modulating IkB Kinase**

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REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116

This paper represents an Amendment pursuant 37 C.F.R. §1.116, amendment after closure of the prosecution but before the payment of the issue fee in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Applicants respectfully request that the application be considered in view of the following amendments and remarks:

- Amendments to the specification are reflected in the Amendments to the Specification that begin on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 3 of this paper. This present **Listing of Claims** will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.
- Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.